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For: MULTI-BRANCH FITTING AND METHOD :
OF FABRICATING :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed July 30, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on March 18, 2011 for failure to pay the 7.5 year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition (and set forth above) differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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